Bible & Daily Living

The sin of jealousy

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
THE SIN OF JEALOUSY
Lesson for June 10, 1983
Bible Study Passage: I Samuel 18:5-16

INTRODUCTION

We noted in last week's lesson that initially Saul was a good choice for Israel's first king. But things later turned sour as if there was a flaw in Saul's character all along. It finally erupted into madness when Saul became preoccupied with destroying David. His jealousy of David made him unable to affirm his own life.

Jealously can cripple a person's life. When we dwell upon what another person has or upon another person's achievements, we sabotage ourselves. Some people are never satisfied with what they have or with their own achievements. They are unable to applaud themselves or celebrate who they are.

We spend too much time gauging ourselves alongside other people rather than accepting and affirming the gifts that God has given us. Jealousy is not simply the sin of wanting what another has; it is the inability to affirm life.

The sin of jealousy seems to be innate within us. Children begin early in life to crave what another child has. In jealously they may reject what they have. Some adults never outgrow this childish behavior.

JEALOUSY OVER DAVID [I Samuel 18:5-7]

David became a source of rage for King Saul. David's popularity seemed to flourish throughout the land. He was especially remembered for his stunning victory over Goliath. David had all the goods that go into the making of a leader.

David became a source of pleasure at first for Saul. He was appointed as a minstrel in the court in order to entertain the king. David became close friends with Jonathan, the king's son. David's colorful character eventually troubled King Saul. In the end Saul committed suicide in a battle with the Philistines. We cannot contribute Saul's downfall totally to David's Popularity, for Saul's disobedience to God helped set the stage.

THE KING'S RAGE [I Samuel 18:8-11]

The women praised David for his military expertise. They would chant out the numbers of men he had killed over against those that Saul had killed. David always came away the winner. Saul became enraged that this young general could claim so many military victories. From then on Saul became jealous and suspicious of David's activities.

Saul's jealousy increased so that he turned to attempted murder in order to turn the applause away from David. The lust for power and personal recognition can destroy a person. Later in life David will experience the destruction of lust in his affair with Bathsheba, the death of her husband, and the death of the child born between David and Bathsheba.

SAUL'S FALL [ISamuel 18:12-16]

Saul's conflicts within and without ultimately lead to his decline and death by his own hand. David became a major threat to his integrity as a person and as a leader. Saul was very much afraid of David, especially when he sensed that God was with David and had left him bereft.

Instead of seeking to reconcile his estranged relationship to God, Saul chose to make matters worse by divising ways to do David in. Saul tried to set David up by giving him a military command, hoping perhaps that David might be killed in the heat of battle.

David's response to Saul is commendable. He refused to sink to the depths that Saul did. Instead, David showed respect for Saul as king. David's respect, however only threatened Saul even more.

Ponder the following questions:

1. Does the thing that happened between Saul and David take place in business? In the church?
2. What should we do with jealous feelings?
3. How would you characterize Saul and David's relationship to God?

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THE PATRICK HENRY BOYS PLANTATION Choir will be singing on Sunday, June 10 at the Friendship Baptist Church in Appomattox.

At Friendship Baptist Church

Musical program slated

Young men from the Patrick Henry Boys Plantation will present a 35-minute musical program at the Friendship Baptist Church here in Appomattox, Va. on Sunday Evening, June 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The theme of the meeting will be, "HE TOOK MY PLACE". The motto of the Executive Director, the Rev. Robert W. McCullough, is that, "It is eaiser to Build Boys than to mend men".

Following the musical, the Rev. McCullough will deliver a brief message describing the purpose of the ministry of the boys home. The public is cordially invited.

The Rev. E.W. Lucas is the pastor of the church.

New Hope Church schedules VBS next week

Vacation Bible School will be held at New Hope Baptist Church June 10 through June 14 with classes beginning each evening at 7 p.m. and continuing until 9:15.

The two and three years olds will be studying "My Church." Teachers for this group are Janice Garrett, Marion Garrett and Shelly Bryant.

The four and five year olds will be studying "The Bible Is A Special Book." Teachers are Sharon Woody, Judy O'Brien, and Dale Goodrich.

The first and second grades will be studying "Learning From The Bible" under the direction of Pat Chandler and Lois Lutke.

The third grade will be studying "Learning How We Got Our Bible." Teachers will be Linda Kitchell and Rose Anthony.

The fourth and fifth grades will be studying "The Bible Speaks To Me." This group will be under the direction of Ann Reynolds and Shirley Williams.

The sixth grade will also be studying "The Bible Speaks To Me" and the teachers are Bill Kitchell and Harriette Robinson.

The children will be learning each evening through crafts, music and Bible study.

The youth grades seven through twelve will be studying "Free! God's People - Me!" This group will have a different program each night with special people to lead and also to lead and also special refreshments. The leader is Steve Schueren.

The adults will be studying each night about "Toward Christian Maturity" with studies in First and Second Timothy. This group is under the direction of Mrs. Margaret O'Brien with the help of Dennis Torrence, Ned Nash, Richard Carter, Bobby Carter, and Barry Elder.

Alice Faye Burks will be leading the music and teaching new songs to the children.

"We invite you to come out and join the fun and the Bible Study each evening," said Janice Smith, Director, Vacation Bible School, New Hope Baptist Church.

The Rev. Robert Williams is pastor.

Mt. Airy Church news notes

The young Adult Choir will sponsor a program at Mt. Airy Baptist Church on Sunday, June 10 at 3 p.m. Guests will be, "The Voices of Hope", from Madison Heights.

On the fourth Sunday in June at 3 p.m., the Young Adults will celebrate their anniversary.

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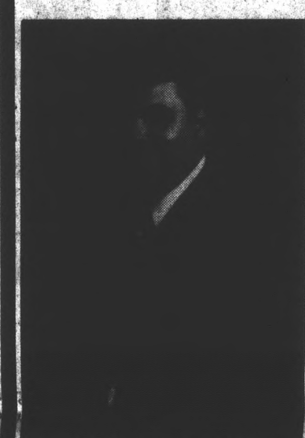

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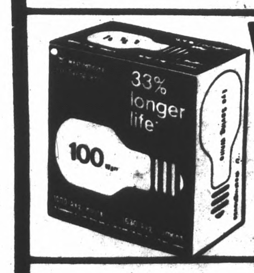

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Gravel Hill news

By MILLIE BERKLEY

Fear not, little flock, for it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32.

We extend an invitation for you to worship with us at Gravel Hill Baptist Church on every third Sunday at 11 a.m. for the regular worship service. The pastor, the Rev. Miller, preached a soul-stirring sermon on Sunday. His topic was "Mission Of The Holy Spirit," St. John 7:13. The Rev. H.O. Flood was also present.

St. John's Day will be celebrated at Mt. Zion Church in Pamplin on the fourth Sunday in June at 4 p.m. The Rev. R.Q. Lawing, Jr. will deliver the message.

Congratulations, a baby girl was born on April 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen of Forest, Va. Her grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. H.O. Flood and Mrs. Roosevelt Allen of Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mays of Richmond were recent guests of the Rev. and Mrs. H.O. Flood.

Miss Carolyn Berkley recently visited her sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mills in Richmond. While there she attended the morning service at St. Morse Church along with Mrs. Phyllis Mills and daughter Tiffany and Mrs. Marjorie Mills and son.

Mr. and Mrs. James Scott of Prospect visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berkley over the weekend. The Rev. and Mrs. H.O. Flood were guests in the same home.

Miss Doretha Walker recently received her Bachelor of Science degree in Corrective therapy at Norfolk State University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of Rt. 1, Pamplin.

Mrs. Flossie Walker, Mr. Alvin Walker, Mr. Dave Walker, Virginia and Darisha Walker were guests of Misses Loretta and Doretha Walker of Norfolk last weekend.

Please pray for the sick and shut-in and widows.

Revival services slated

Revival services will begin at First Baptist Church this Sunday at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served after the revival.

Speaker for the afternoon will be Paster Neal, of Maryland. The Rev. John Beamer, pastor of New Life Baptist Church in Bedford, will be evangelist for the week of revival services.

Prayer service will be held at 7:30 each night, with the sermon following at 8 p.m.

Church members are asked to remember the clean-up session planned for 6 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Louise Weston is improving after illness.

Mrs. Rosser Coleman and Mrs. Frances Staton are visiting friends in Appomattox.

The members of First Baptist Church extend deepest sympathies to the Forest and Marshall families.

Jesus Center news notes

Brother Eve, a minister from Haiti will conduct services at the Jesus Center of Refuge and Hope Friday, June 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday morning, June 10, at 11 a.m.

Brother Eve has experienced much tragedy at the hands of the voodoo witchdocter of Haiti. His mother was offered up as a sacrifice (murdered) by the witchdocters.

Brother Eve himself was left for dead by these followers of the occult. God delivered Brother Eve from these forces of evil and called him into the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Currently, Brother Eve is a missionary in Haiti and has established over 20 churches. Brother Eve's testimony will without doubt move you to say God bless America - Thank God for America and promt you to pray for the country of Haiti.

Canaan Church news

A business meeting will be held at Canaan Baptist Church June 9 at 7 p.m.

Regular worship service will be held at Canaan June 10 at 11:30 a.m. Pastor C.L. Elliott will be in charge. The Young Adult Choir will provide music.

The Rev. C. L. Elliott will observe his 14th anniversary with the church June 10 at 7 p.m. The Rev. Harrison [illegible] will be guest speaker. All friends and co-workers are invited.

The Senior Choir will celebrate their anniversary June 17, at 7 p.m. Many choirs have been invited to participate in this celebration. Come and worship with us.

Pleasant Grove news

Homecoming Services will be held at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, The Rev. Robert J. Wilkerson, pastor, on June 17. The church is located on highway 24 in Buckingham.

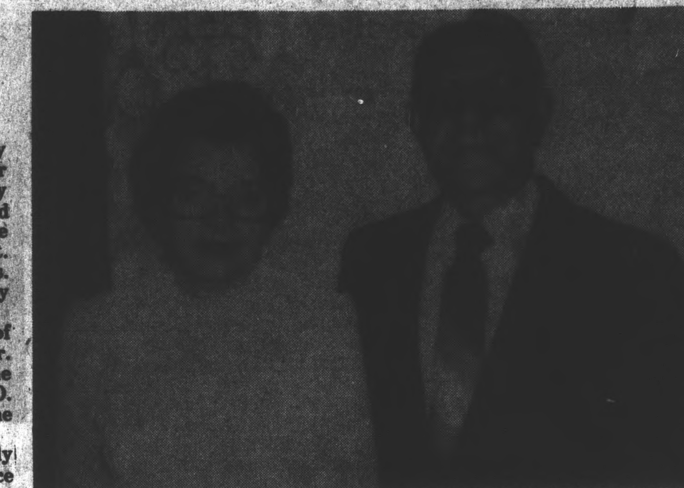
Lunch will be served following the morning worship service by the ladies of the church.

An afternoon song service will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Revival services will begin at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on June 18 and continue through June 22 with services beginning at 7:30 each evening.

The Rev. Virgil Hudson, of Farmville, interim pastor at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Abilene, and former pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, will be guest minister.

The public is invited to attend.



DR. AND MRS. CARL C. COLLINS JR., will be leaving soon to serve in Kenya, East Africa. Carl and Mildred are widely known in this area, having spent ten years serving the churches of Central, Hollywood, Rocks, Evergreen and Liberty Baptist Churches.

Collins will serve in Kenya

Dr. and Mrs. Carl A. Collins, Jr., have been invited by the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve in Kenya, East Africa.

Dr. Collins will teach in the International Baptist Theological Seminary of Eastern Africa. Mrs. Collins will do general office and library work.

Last year the Collinses went to Japan on partnership evangelism for the Foreign Mission Board. They were assigned to two churches in northern Japan.

In 1982, Dr. Collins led a team to Bandung, Indonesia, and was assigned to the First Baptist Church there for Partnership Evangelism Crusade.

The Collinses are now serving the Catawba Valley Baptist Church, a little mountain church in Botetourt County.

They are well known in Appomattox, having served here for more than 10 years at Evergreen, Rocks, Hollywood, Central and Liberty Baptist Churches.

Mt. Pleasant Church news notes

By ODELL CHAMBERS

The Rev. James Whithman, his choir and members of his church visited Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church the fourth Sunday in May, during Family Day activities.

Our pastor conducted the afternoon service, and the Senior Choir provided music, accompanied by our new pianist, Mrs. Pearl Hamilton.

A trip to Harbor Inn in Baltimore is planned for the first Saturday in August. Partial payment must be made by June 15.

The community is still in a daze over the death of our sister in Christ, Mrs. Mattie Singleton. She was pianist at Mt. Pleasant for many years. Sympathy is extended to her faimily.

The Williams family of Rice gave a beautiful program last Sunday night for the anniversary celebration of our deaconesses.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Mt. Pleasant the second week in July.

Mrs. Claudia Woolridge had three of her daughters, Bertha, Carrie and Yvonne, and two of her grandchildren to visit her for a week. They had a safe trip back home to New York.

Our revival will begin June 25 at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Jack Wilson of St. Paul Baptist Church of Rustburg will be guest evalgelist for the week. A different choir will be featured each night of the revival.

Hebron schedules VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at Hebron Baptist Church near Stonewall June 11-15.

Children in the nursery through the sixth grade will meet from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m., and classes for grade 7 through adult will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Bible School week will begin Sunday, June 10 with VBS Olympics at 5 p.m. A covered-dish supper will follow.

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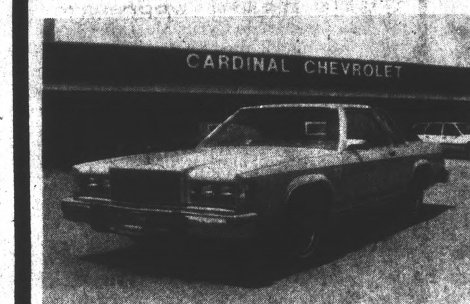

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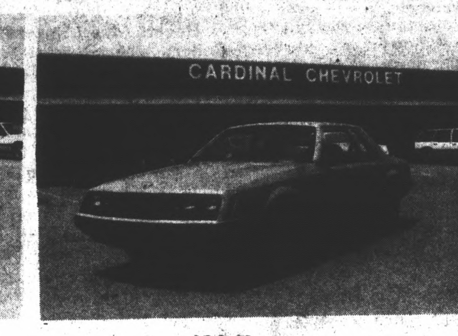

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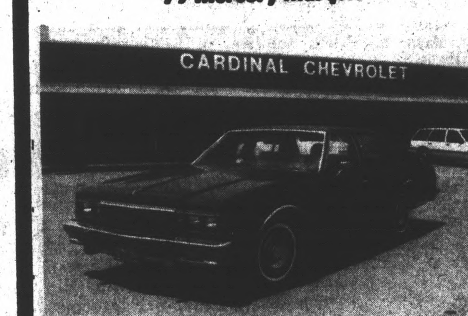

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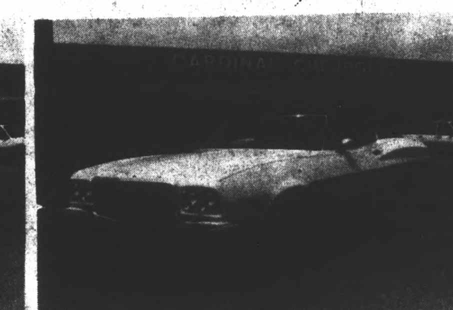
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